

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/649,952 Confirmation No.: 7207
Applicant : Kenju MIURA, *et al.*
Filed : August 28, 2003
Title : METHODS OF PROMOTING THE GROWTH OR
DIFFERENTIATION OF HEMATOPOIETIC STEM OR
PROGENITOR CELLS BY NON-MUSCLE TYPE COFILIN
TC/Art Unit : 1647
Examiner: : Bridget E. BUNNER
Docket No. : 58777.000013
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114,
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 7, 2006 (hereinafter the "Office Action") in the above-identified application. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for a Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith. Applicants also respectfully petition for a five month extension of time, thereby extending the period within which to submit an appeal brief up to and including April 9, 2007 (April 7, 2007, being a Saturday). Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal on September 7, 2006.